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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (currently amended): A composition comprising:

- (a) an alkyl and/or alkenyl oligoglycoside;
- (b) a foam stabilizer selected from the group consisting of a dicarboxylic acid monoester, a dicarboxylic acid monoester salt, and mixtures thereof wherein the monoester group comprises the residue of a C<sub>6-22</sub> fatty alcohol; and
- (c) optionally, at least one active ingredient selected from the group consisting of ~~[[a]]~~ cosmetic active ingredients, ~~[[a]]~~ pharmaceutical active ingredients, and mixtures thereof, ~~and wherein both (a) and (b) have matching alkyl/alkenyl groups.~~

Claim 13 (currently amended): The composition of claim 12 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of a C~~[[1-12]]~~ 2-12 dicarboxylic acid.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The composition of claim 12 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of a dicarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of oxalic acid, malonic acid, succinic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, glutaric acid, adipic acid, sorbic acid, pimelic acid, azelaic acid, sebacic acid, dodecanedioic acid, and mixtures thereof.

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Claim 15 (previously presented): The composition of claim 12 wherein the foam stabilizer is present in a salt form selected from the group consisting of alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium, glucammonium, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 16 (cancelled)

Claim 17 (previously presented): The composition of claim 12 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of adipic acid with a C<sub>12-18</sub> fatty alcohol.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A process for enhancing the dermatological and ophthalmic mucous membrane compatibility of a cosmetic and/or pharmaceutical composition by adding to the composition an effective amount of a surfactant mixture containing:

(a) an alkyl and/or alkenyl oligoglycoside; and

(b) a foam stabilizer selected from the group consisting of a dicarboxylic acid monoester, a dicarboxylic acid monoester salt, and mixtures thereof wherein the monoester group comprises the residue of a C<sub>6-22</sub> fatty alcohol; and

(c) optionally, at least one active ingredient selected from the group consisting of [[a]] cosmetic active ingredients, [[a]] pharmaceutical active ingredients, and mixtures thereof, and wherein both (a) and (b) have matching alkyl/alkenyl groups.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The process of claim 18 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of a C<sub>[[1-12]]</sub> 2-12 dicarboxylic acid.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The process of claim 18 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of a dicarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of oxalic acid, malonic acid, succinic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, glutaric acid, adipic acid, sorbic acid, pimelic

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acid, azeleic acid, sebacic acid, dodecanedioic acid, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The process of claim 18 wherein the foam stabilizer is present in a salt form selected from the group consisting of alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium, glucammonium, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 22 (cancelled).

Claim 23 (previously presented): The process of claim 18 wherein the foam stabilizer is a monoester of adipic acid with a C<sub>12-18</sub> fatty alcohol.

Claim 24 (new): The composition of claim 12, wherein, both (a) and (b) have matching alk(en)yl groups.

Claim 25 (new): The process of claim 18, wherein, both (a) and (b) have matching alk(en)yl groups.

Claim 26 (new): The composition of claim 12, wherein, a weight ratio of (a):(b) is from 5:95 to 95:5.

Claim 27 (new): The composition of claim 26, wherein, the weight ratio of (a):(b) is from 10:90 to 90:10.

Claim 28 (new): The composition of claim 27, wherein, the weight ratio of (a):(b) is from 25:75 to 75:25.

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Claim 29 (new): The composition of claim 18, wherein, a weight ratio of (a):(b) is from 5:95 to 95:5.

Claim 30 (new): The composition of claim 29, wherein, the weight ratio of (a):(b) is from 10:90 to 90:10.

Claim 31 (new): The composition of claim 30, wherein, the weight ratio of (a):(c) is from 25:75 to 75:25.